

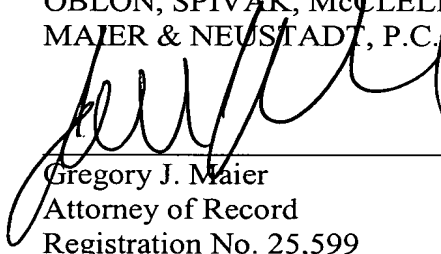
REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present application is a continuation of co-pending parent U.S. Patent Application No. 10/678,091, filed October 6, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/059,187, filed January 31, 2002 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,665,508). Claim 1 is presently active, and Claims 2-50 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the foregoing amendment. Examination of the present application on the merits is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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